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Republicans in Congress are eager for Trump to expand his use of the military on U.S. soil

By **STEPHEN GROVES**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — National Guard troops patrolling the streets of U.S. cities. Weapons of war deployed against international gangs suspected of drug trafficking. Military bases and resources redirected to mass immigration enforcement operations. President Donald Trump is swiftly implementing his vision of the military as an all-powerful tool for his policy goals. It's ground that presidents have hardly ever crossed outside of times of war, and experts say it's remaking the role of the most powerful military in the world and its relationship with the American public.

Yet as Trump has dramatically stepped up his use of military force, fellow Republicans in Congress — where authorization for such actions is supposed to originate — have done little but cheer him on. That's giving the president significant leeway as he raises plans to send troops next to Chicago, Baltimore and New Orleans.

"If I were one of those mayors, I'd be glad to have the help," said Sen. Roger Wicker, R-Miss., the chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee, speaking from a Capitol building where National Guard troops were patrolling the surrounding city. "I think



With the White House in the distance, National Guard troops patrol the Mall as part of President Donald Trump's order to impose federal law enforcement in the nation's capital, in Washington, Aug. 28, 2025.

Associated Press

the big city Democrats are really making a mistake. I think they're being tone deaf." Lawmakers from Louisiana — a red state that surrounds politically blue New Orleans — said it was a great idea for National Guard troops to go there next.

"New Orleans, like most Democrat-run cities, has a high crime rate, so it would be helpful," House Speaker Mike Johnson, a Louisiana Republican, told The Asso-

ciated Press.

Sen. John Kennedy, R-La., agreed: "We need all the help we can get. I'm delighted to bring in the National Guard." Republicans have in recent years found political success focusing on the issue of crime. The vast majority of Americans, 81%, see crime as a "major problem" in large cities, according to recent polling from the The AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. That

includes nearly all Republicans, roughly three-quarters of independents and nearly 7 in 10 Democrats.

However, statistics show overall crime is down across the nation, with some cities reporting 30-year lows.

How Trump's use of the National Guard is unique. In the past, the use of National Guard troops on American soil was reserved for extraordinary circumstances such as natural disasters or

when local officials became overwhelmed by civil unrest or disorder. Rarely have presidents used the troops for law enforcement purposes.

Notable examples include the 1894 Pullman strike in Chicago, during the Civil Rights era to enforce desegregation in the South, and in 1992 during deadly rioting after police officers brutally beat motorist Rodney King and were acquitted on state charges. Experts say that Trump's crime mission stands out because he's not responding to a particular crisis. Instead, Trump is using the military to implement his domestic policies, whether that means using military aircraft for deportation flights, beefing up military at the U.S.-Mexico border or ordering National Guard troops to be ready for law enforcement duties.

"All of these things indicate an administration that is making a broad, concerted effort to insert the military into civilian law enforcement in a way and on a scale that has no precedent in American history," said Joseph Nunn, an attorney at the Brennan Center's Liberty and National Security Program.

Trump says he has the "right" to send National Guard troops to the cities, even over the objections of state governors. □

Judge temporarily blocks Alabama rule saying voucher students can't play sports for a year



Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey delivers her State of the State address March 7, 2023, in Montgomery, Ala.

Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A judge on Friday sided with Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey

and blocked a policy that prevented school voucher recipients from playing on

sports teams this fall. Montgomery Circuit Judge J.R. Gaines issued a temporary restraining order barring the Alabama High School Athletic Association from enforcing a policy that says the voucher recipients are ineligible to play sports during their first year at a new school.

Ivey and Alabama House Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter had asked for the restraining order after filing a lawsuit challenging the association's decision over student eligibility.

"Today's order is a victory for common sense," Ivey said in a statement. "Every child

deserves true choice in their education and that includes their right to participate in school athletics."

More than 20,000 students are participating in the state's new voucher program, called the CHOOSE Act, which went into effect this school year. It allows eligible families to tap up to \$7,000 in state money to help pay for private school or to transfer to a public school, and up to \$2,000 for home-schooling expenses.

The Alabama High School Athletic Association did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment. The association had ruled

that the CHOOSE Act provides a type of financial aid. The organization said it has a longstanding rule that any transfer student who receives financial aid "is ineligible for athletic participation for one year."

"This policy, established by our member schools, promotes competitive equity and deters recruitment," the organization wrote in a statement Thursday.

Alabama is among a number of states using vouchers, tax credits or scholarships to parents to help families pay for private school or education costs outside of the public school setting. □

Thune says Senate will change the rules to push through Trump's blocked nominees

By MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader John Thune says Republicans are ready to change the chamber's rules to allow quick confirmations of dozens of President Donald Trump's executive branch nominees, moving to speed up votes after months of Democratic delays.

Thune said Monday that he'll start the process of changing the rules this week, with a final vote likely coming as soon as next week. Opening the Senate, Thune said Democrats' obstruction of nominees is unsustainable.

If the delays continue, Thune said, "there is no practical way that we could come close to filling all the vacancies in the four years of this administration no matter how many hours the Senate works."

Republicans have been talking about options for changing the rules since early August, when the Senate left for a monthlong recess after a breakdown in bipartisan negotiations over the confirmation process. Democrats have blocked



Senate Majority Leader John Thune, R-S.D., joined at left by Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., the GOP whip, speaks to reporters following closed-door strategy meetings, at the Capitol in Washington, July 22, 2025.

Associated Press

nearly every single one of Trump's nominees, forcing majority Republicans to spend valuable floor time on procedural votes and leaving many positions in the executive branch unfilled.

The changes come after both parties have escalated their obstruction of the other party's nominees

for years, and as leaders in both parties have incrementally changed the rules to make the process less bipartisan.

The proposal to group nominations is loosely based on legislation introduced by Democrats two years ago as Republicans blocked many of then-President Joe Biden's picks.

But while Senate Republicans forced similar delays during Biden's administration, Democrats have blocked almost all of Trump's nominations. It's the first time in recent history that the minority party hasn't allowed at least some quick confirmations. Thune called it a drawn out "temper tantrum" by Democrats over Trump's election.

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"It's time to take steps to restore Senate precedent and codify in the Senate rules what was once understood to be standard practice, and that is the Senate acting expeditiously on presidential nominations to allow a president to get his team into place." The delays have infuriated Trump, who told Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer to "GO TO HELL!" in a social media post after negotiations broke down over the process in early August.

Republicans are still working on some of the details of the rules change, but Thune said the Republican proposal to be voted on in the coming days or weeks would allow the Senate to vote on "groups of nominees all together."

It would only apply to executive branch nominations, not lifetime judicial appointments, and would exclude the most high-profile positions, such as Cabinet nominees, that require a longer debate time. Currently, one senator's objection can force days of votes on a single nominee. □

Chief justice lets Trump remove member of Federal Trade Commission for now

By LINDSAY WHITEHURST
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chief Justice John Roberts on Monday let President Donald Trump remove a member of the Federal Trade Commission, the latest in a string of high-profile firings allowed for now by Supreme Court.

Trump first moved to fire Rebecca Slaughter in the spring, but she sued and lower courts ordered her reinstated because the law allows commissioners to be removed only for problems like misconduct or neglect of duty.

Roberts halted those decisions in a brief order, responding to an appeal from the Trump administration on the court's emergency docket.

The Justice Department has argued that the FTC and other executive branch agencies are under Trump's control and the Republican president is free to remove commissioners without cause.

Slaughter's lawsuit over her firing will keep playing out, as Roberts asked her lawyers to respond to the Trump administration's arguments by next week.

The court has previously allowed the firings of several other board members of independent agencies. It has suggested, however, that his power to fire has limitations at the Federal Reserve, a prospect that could soon be tested with the case of Fed Gov. Lisa Cook.

Monday's order is the latest

sign that the Supreme Court's conservative majority has effectively abandoned a 90-year-old high court precedent that protected some federal agencies from arbitrary presidential action.

In the 1935 decision known as *Humphrey's Executor*, the court unanimously held that presidents cannot fire independent board members without cause.

The decision ushered in an era of powerful independent federal agencies charged with regulating labor relations, employment discrimination, the airwaves and much else. But it has long rankled conservative legal theorists who argue the modern administrative state gets the Constitution all wrong

because such agencies should answer to the president.

The agency at the center of the case was also the FTC, a point cited by lower-court judges in the lawsuit filed by Slaughter. She has ping-ponged in and out of the job as the case worked its way through the courts. □



Chief Justice of the Supreme Court John Roberts arrives before President Donald Trump addresses a joint session of Congress at the Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

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Appeals court upholds E. Jean Carroll's \$83.3M defamation judgment against Trump

By JAKE OFFENHARTZ

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal appeals court on Monday upheld a civil jury's finding that President Donald Trump must pay \$83.3 million to E. Jean Carroll for his repeated social media attacks and public statements against the longtime advice columnist after she accused him of sexual assault.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected Trump's appeal of the defamation award, calling the jury's damages awards "fair and reasonable."

A three-judge panel, citing hundreds of death threats Carroll faced, said the case record supported the trial judge's "determination that 'the degree of reprehensibility' of Mr. Trump's conduct was remarkably high, perhaps unprecedented."

Trump had argued the damages were unreasonably excessive, particularly a \$65 million punitive damage award, and pushed for a new trial after the Supreme Court expanded presidential immunity.

But the appeals court roundly rejected those



E. Jean Carroll exits the New York Federal Court after former President Donald Trump appeared in court, Sept. 6, 2024, in New York.

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arguments, writing that Trump's "extraordinary and unprecedented" broadsides against Carroll, 81, justified the steep award, given "the unique and egregious facts of this case."

Lawyers for Trump responded through a spokesperson to a request for comment by calling for "an immediate end to the political weaponization of our justice system and a swift dis-

missal of all of the Witch Hunts, including the Democrat-funded travesty of the Carroll Hoaxes." The case is likely headed to the Supreme Court.

In its ruling, the 2nd Circuit said there is "ample evidence" that Trump was recklessly indifferent to Carroll's health and safety after "castigating Ms. Carroll as a politically and financially motivated liar" and

"insinuating that she was too unattractive for him to have sexually assaulted" and would "pay dearly" for speaking out.

Carroll's lawyer, Roberta Kaplan, welcomed the decision, saying in a statement that the appeals court affirmed that "Carroll was telling the truth, and that President Donald Trump was not." Noting the threats to her client, Kaplan

said they "look forward to an end to the appellate process."

At trial, Carroll testified she feared for her safety after receiving hundreds of death threats and losing her decadeslong career at Elle magazine.

The ruling centered on the second and far more expensive of two defamation awards issued to Carroll over Trump's yearslong attacks on her character, which began after she accused Trump in her 2019 memoir of sexually assaulting her decades earlier at a Manhattan department store. In her memoir and again at a 2023 trial, Carroll described how a chance encounter with Trump at Bergdorf Goodman's Fifth Avenue in 1996 started with the two flirting as they shopped, then ended with a violent struggle inside a dressing room.

Carroll said Trump slammed her against a wall, pulled down her tights and forced himself on her.

At the initial trial, a jury found Trump liable for sexual abuse, but concluded he hadn't committed rape as defined under New York law. □

Invasive, disease-carrying tick found in Maine, the farthest northeast it has been spotted

By PATRICK WHITTLE

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP)

— Researchers have confirmed the presence of an invasive species of tick in Maine for the first time, marking the farthest northeast in the United States the pest has been discovered.

The University of Maine and state conservation officials said Monday they confirmed the presence of the Asian longhorned tick in the state in July. The tick is native to east Asia, where it is capable of spreading tickborne infections such as spotted fever.

The tick was first confirmed in the United States in New Jersey in 2017 and it has since spread to more than

20 states, clustering mostly around the eastern third of the country. Exactly how the tick arrived in the country isn't certain, but public health officials have cited possible routes of entry in-

cluding on pets and livestock.

"This discovery underscores the critical importance of continued tick surveillance in Maine," said Griffin Dill, director of the UMaine Ex-



This handout photo provided by the University of Maine and taken in July, 2025 shows an Asian longhorned tick.

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tension Tick Lab. "While this appears to be an isolated case, we are closely monitoring the situation and coordinating with state and federal partners."

The tick specimen was not yet an adult and it was collected in the southern part of the state, the lab said in a statement. Follow-up surveillance didn't turn up any additional specimens in the surrounding area, the lab said. Asian longhorned ticks feed on numerous animals, including cattle and humans. They pose a challenge for pest control authorities because female ticks of the species can reproduce without mating, which means a single individual can create an in-

festation, the lab said. The specimen found in Maine could not reproduce yet because it was a juvenile, the lab said.

Research is still going on to determine the tick species' ability to spread pathogens in Maine and elsewhere in the U.S., the lab said. Ticks are a major public health concern in the Northeastern U.S., where another species, the blacklegged or deer tick, spreads Lyme disease.

In the meantime, the public can prevent tick bites by taking steps such as conducting rigorous checks for them, avoiding overgrown vegetation and wearing protective clothing, public health officials said. □

Palestinian gunmen kill 6 people in attack on Jerusalem bus stop

By MELANIE LIDMAN and JULIA FRANKEL

Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian attackers opened fire at a bus stop during the morning rush hour in Jerusalem on Monday, killing six people and wounding another 12, according to Israeli officials.

An Israeli soldier and civilians who were at the scene shot and killed the two attackers, said police, who later arrested a third person in connection with the shooting. Footage of the attack showed dozens of people fleeing from the bus stop at a busy intersection. The windshield of a bus was riddled with bullet holes and belongings were scattered across the street. The war in Gaza has killed tens of thousands of Palestinians and sparked a surge of violence in Israel and the occupied West Bank, with a rise in attacks by Palestinian militants as well as Israeli settler violence against Palestinians.

Monday's shooting at a major intersection, with a road leading to Jewish settlements in east Jerusalem was the deadliest in Israel since October 2024. Later on Monday, the Palestinian Health Ministry said two 14-year-old Palestin-



Israeli police and rescue teams inspect the scene of a shooting attack carried out by two Palestinian gunmen, in which several people were killed and others injured at a bus stop in Jerusalem, Monday, Sept. 8, 2025.

ians had been shot and killed by Israeli forces in the West Bank city of Jenin, where Israel has carried out several major military operations in recent years.

The military said troops fired at individuals who had entered an area under a closure order. It said they posed a threat to its forces, without specifying the nature of the threat or providing evidence, and that they had ignored instructions to leave.

Hamas welcomes attack but does not claim it. Paramedics who responded to the scene said broken glass covered the area, and people wounded lay unconscious on the road and a sidewalk near the bus stop. Israel's Shin Bet internal security agency said the two attackers were 20- and 21-year-old Palestinians from the West Bank with no prior arrests. Hamas hailed the attack without claiming responsi-

bility, calling it a "natural response to the occupation's crimes against our people." President Mahmoud Abbas, head of the internationally recognized Palestinian Authority, condemned "any targeting of Palestinian and Israeli civilians," and "denounced all forms of violence and terrorism, regardless of their source," according to a statement from his office. The Palestinian Authority, which administers parts of

the West Bank and cooperates with Israel on security matters, has been largely sidelined since the start of the war.

Netanyahu threatens more major West Bank raids. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visited the scene after his ongoing corruption trial was delayed due to the attack. He praised the soldier who fired on the gunmen, who was from a newly-formed unit for ultra-Orthodox Jewish soldiers. Later, he warned that Israel would respond to such attacks with wide military raids, referring to operations that inflicted heavy destruction on built-up refugee camps in Jenin and other parts of the West Bank, and displaced tens of thousands of Palestinians earlier this year.

"The fact that we eliminated these two terrorists is not enough. The fact that we go after the supporters and aides, that is not enough either," Netanyahu said. "We have already eliminated nests of terror in refugee camps, in three. We simply evacuated the population from there and flattened all the terror infrastructure and my instruction is to do the same in other nests of terror." □

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Police open fire on protests of Nepal's social media policy, killing at least 17

By BINAJ GURUBACHARYA
Associated Press

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)

— Police in Nepal's capital of Kathmandu opened fire Monday on demonstrators protesting a government attempt to regulate social media that blocked some of the world's largest platforms, including Facebook, X and YouTube. At least 17 people were killed.

Rallies swept the streets around the Parliament building, which was surrounded by tens of thousands of people angry at authorities who said the companies had failed to register and submit to government oversight. At least

145 people were wounded, officials said.

Protesters pushed through barbed wire and forced riot police to retreat inside the Parliament complex.

The gunfire unfolded as the government pursues a broader attempt to regulate social media with a bill aimed at ensuring the platforms are "properly managed, responsible and accountable." The proposal has been widely criticized as a tool for censorship and for punishing government opponents who voice their protests online.

About two dozen social networks that are widely used in Nepal were repeat-

edly given notices to register their companies officially in the Himalayan nation, the government said. Those that failed to register have been blocked since last week.

Neither Google, which owns YouTube, nor Meta, the parent company of Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp, responded to requests for comment from The Associated Press. Elon Musk's X platform did not respond either.

The video-sharing app TikTok, Viber and three other platforms have registered and operated without interruption.

The death toll was an-

nounced by police official Shekhar Khanal. He said 28 officers were among the

wounded, as smaller protests continued into late Monday evening. □



Riot police stand guard outside the Parliament building as they clash with the protesters in Kathmandu, Nepal, Monday, Sept. 8, 2025.

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New Banksy mural of a judge beating a protester to be removed from outside London court

By LYDIA DOYE
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A new mural by elusive street artist Banksy showing a judge beating an unarmed protester with a gavel will be removed from a wall outside one of London's most iconic courts, authorities said Monday.

The mural appeared Monday and depicts a protester lying on the ground holding a blood-splattered placard while a judge in a traditional wig and black gown beats him with a gavel. Banksy posted a photo of the work on Instagram, his usual method of claiming a work as authentic. It was captioned "Royal Courts Of Justice. London." Security officials outside the courthouse covered the artwork Monday with sheets of black plastic and two metal barriers, and it was being guarded by



Undated photo released by Banksy of the new artwork by the artist which portrays a judge beating a protester with a gavel at the Royal Courts of Justice in London.

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two officers and a security camera.

Because the Victorian gothic revival style building

is 143 years old, the mural will be removed with con-

sideration for its historical significance, according to HM Courts and Tribunals.

"The Royal Courts of Justice is a listed building and HMCTS are obliged to maintain its original character," it said in a statement. Listed buildings are considered the country's most significant historic buildings and sites and are protected by law.

While the artwork doesn't refer to a particular cause or incident, activists saw it as a reference to the U.K. government's ban on the group Palestine Action. On Saturday almost 900 people were arrested at a London protest challenging the ban.

Defend Our Juries, the group that organized the protest, said in a statement that the mural "powerfully depicts the brutality unleashed" by the government ban. □

ICC postpones hearings for former Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte over health concerns

By MOLLY QUELL
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The International Criminal Court announced on Monday it was postponing a pretrial hearing for former Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte over concerns about his health.

Lawyers for the 80-year-old filed a motion in August for the proceedings to be delayed indefinitely, saying their client is "not fit to stand trial." Prosecutors at the ICC accuse Duterte of crimes against humanity for deadly anti-drugs crackdowns he oversaw while in office. The exact concerns over the former president's health are not specified

and the filings in the case are heavily redacted. A pretrial panel of judges

have allowed for a "limited postponement" to give the court time to determine



In this Dec. 20, 2017, file photo, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte addresses the troops during the 82nd anniversary celebration of the Armed Forces of the Philippines in suburban Quezon city northeast of Manila, Philippines.

Associated Press

"whether Mr Duterte is fit to follow and participate" in the proceedings.

Rights groups and families of victims hailed Duterte's arrest in March, and the court's chief prosecutor, Karim Khan, called it "a crucial step in our continuous work to ensure accountability for the victims of the most serious crimes under ICC jurisdiction."

Supporters of Duterte criticized the administration of current Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., Duterte's political rival, for arresting and surrendering the former leader to a court whose jurisdiction his supporters dispute.

The ICC has been inves-

tigating mass killings in crackdowns overseen by Duterte when he served as mayor of the southern Philippine city of Davao and later as president. Estimates of the death toll of the crackdown during Duterte's presidential term vary, from the more than 6,000 that the national police have reported up to 30,000 claimed by human rights groups. The Duterte administration moved to suspend the global court's investigation in late 2021 by arguing that Philippine authorities were already looking into the same allegations, and the ICC a court of last resort therefore didn't have jurisdiction. □

Visit the island's hidden natural pools

(Oranjestad)—Amongst the countless beaches surrounding the island that are well-known and frequently visited, there are an additional two “hidden” natural pools that are situated in the northern coast of the island, two ideal stops in your tour itinerary.

Conchi (Natural Pool)

For many years, Conchi was the only natural pool that we had on the island. Located in the Arikok National Park, near Boca Keto and the Daimari Ranch, Conchi—also known “Cura di Turtuga (Turtle’s Cove) or just Natural Pool—is reachable with any 4×4 vehicle or by foot if you’re up for a long hike. However, since it is part of the National Park, you must first get permission from park management to enter. You would have to purchase a day pass, and receive a wristband as proof of payment. Once you’ve completed that, you are set!

If you decide to hike from the entrance of the Arikok



National Park, this is also possible: do bring plenty of protective clothing and enough water and food—it could take you up to three hours to hike there!

However, when you eventually do get there, you will be greeted with crystal blue water surrounded by a natural rock formation that protects you from the

wild waves on the other side. Though the pool is located on the northern side of the island (where the sea is largely rough and largely no suitable for swimming), the pool itself is very calm. It’s also relatively deep, and you can climb up the rocks and jump in!

Cave Pool

This relatively new pool ap-

peared just a few years ago, when a part of the dried up coral cliff floor broke off and created a partition between the ocean and what is now the natural pool that is hidden there. Because it’s still so new, there is no official name for it, but most people just call it the cave pool.

Just like the Conchi, the

new natural pool is situated on the northern coast of Aruba. However, this pool is much easier to reach with any type of vehicle, and there is no hiking needed. This spot has also become a regular stop for touring visitors.

When you get there, maybe you won’t be able to spot the pool immediately, because you will probably notice the moon-shaped lagoon where wild northern waves crash into each other. Sounds scary, but if you look down on your right, you’ll see a calm, crystal blue little pool in the corner. To get there, you have to climb down some stairs. Be careful when climbing down and follow the instructions of your tour guide if you have one.

And just like Conchi, this pool also has a jumping spot, and a rope to climb back up the boulder. □

Picture of cave pool is credited to RockaBeach Tours

Aruban snacks and where to find them

ORANJESTAD — Want to taste something different for a change? How about some Aruban snacks that you can find all around the island? Hop in your car, and go to these locations to find some of the most popular and tasty snacks that are beloved by our locals.

One of the staples of Aruban cuisine and snacks is the Pastechi. Pastechi is a Caribbean fried pastry that is filled with cheese, meat, chicken, veggies and sometimes even fish! Or perhaps you might want to try a croquette, locally called a “kroket,” which is a crusty fried snack with typically a meat and dough mix filling. The Aruban kroket is based on its Dutch counterpart,

the “bitterbal”.

These two snacks are typically found in all local snack trucks, which can be found all over the island, including on the side of the main road that stretches from San Nicolas to the Hotel Area. You can also find pastechis and krokets at local bakeries and snack shops, like Bright Bakery in Piedra Plat, Huchada in Santa Cruz or Pastechi House in the city center. These places may also sell other snacks and sandwiches too, perfect for on-the-road lunch break.

While you’re at it, why not accompany your snack with a refreshing “batido”? Batidos are fruit shakes, typically made with added milk for some creaminess. However, you can also ask to hold the milk. Batidos are commonly found in snack shops too. You may find some batido shops next the flea markets downtown, or if you’re on your way to San Nicolas, at Mauchi Smoothies and Juice Bar in Savaneta (located at the side of the main road).



If you are looking for something a bit more fresh and healthy, why not try some coconuts, or shaved ice from local vendors? These vendors carry their little shop at the back of their truck, so they are ever-moving around the island. However, there are a few spots where you can almost always find a coconut/shaved ice vendor:

- Right next to the Red Anchor in San Nicolas, on the way to Baby Beach.
- Along the main road next to the airport field.
- At the California Light House.

- At the Alto Vista Chapel.

These vendors may also sell other delights, like the beloved coconut-based dessert “cocada” or peanuts. All in all, in Aruba, you can always find some place to take a break and have a bite of something local, you maybe just might have to look for them! □



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fiscated is very strange and it is suspected that our own locals are the ones selling these to the tourists, which is unacceptable.

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Po-Ké Ono Brings Bold Asian Fusion to Aruba's Dining Scene

Innovative eatery blends island culture with modern Asian cuisine



In a culinary landscape known for its diversity and creativity, Po-Ké Ono stands out as a vibrant and contemporary addition to Aruba's restaurant scene. With locations at Azure in Palm Beach and the Renaissance Marketplace in Oranjestad, the concept introduces a refreshing take on Asian fusion dining—casual in style, yet refined in execution.



Established in 2020, Po-Ké Ono was envisioned as a space where flavor, culture, and creativity intersect. The menu features an array of signature dishes including poke bowls, steamed bao, and sushi, crafted with precision and a focus on freshness. Drawing on Asian influences, the restaurant delivers bold flavors in an approachable format, appealing to a broad audience of locals and visitors alike.

The ambiance is designed to be welcoming and relaxed, with a philosophy centered around accessibility and enjoyment. Whether dining indoors or grabbing a quick bowl on the go, guests can expect a consistently high standard in both service and cuisine. With extensive menu options, including selections for vegan diners, Po-Ké Ono caters to a wide range of tastes and dietary preferences.

While the concept leans into fast-casual dining, the quality



of ingredients and thoughtful preparation reflect fine-dining roots. Many of the restaurant's core ingredients are sourced locally, emphasizing sustainability and support for Aruba's agricultural community. The result is a dining experience that honors both the island's spirit and the culinary traditions it draws inspiration from.

Open daily from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM, Po-Ké Ono continues to gain recognition as one of the island's premier desti-

nations for sushi, poke, and bao. Its growing popularity is a testament to Aruba's evolving food culture—one that embraces global influence while staying rooted in community and craft.

For those seeking a modern taste of Asia in the heart of the Caribbean, Po-Ké Ono offers a flavorful and memorable experience worth exploring. □



Enjoy one of the best views on Aruba at the top of the Hooiberg Hill

(Oranjestad)—If you are a regular hiker, or maybe want to spice up your morning work out session, then you might enjoy one of the most popular climbing sites on the island: The Hooiberg Hill. Accompanied with a 600-step staircase, this hill overlooks a great part of the island, the Caribbean sea, and sometimes even the Santa Anna mountain located in the coastal state of Falcon in Venezuela, providing one of the best views you can get on Aruba.

located at the center district of the island, Santa Cruz, the Hooiberg Hill is the second highest point on the island at 165 meters above sea level (or about 540 feet above sea level). The highest point is Jamanota Hill at 189 meters (620 feet), located in the Arikok National Park.

The staircase that run on the side of the hill was first built in 1951, when Mr. Eduardo Tromp constructed it. At that time, the staircase consisted of 900 steps. Over time, as the steps faced erosion, the government decided to renovate these stairs in 1991. This new project delivered the newer staircase with only 587 steps. However, don't be fooled—it may still be a work out to get on top. In addition, there is now a gazebo placed halfway up the stair for a little rest. The view at this resting stop is also a sight to see.

The best time to climb the hill would be early in the morning or right before sunset, as it may not be as hot. However, the hill is of course open all day, every day. □



Basic driving rules on Aruba: Roundabouts



(Oranjestad)—Have you ever felt confused when you're driving on the highways or backstreets of Aruba? Then we present a simple guide to some of the basic rules of Aruban traffic, along with some tips for things to look out for.

Speed limit

Legally, the speed limit on the four-lane highways is 80 km/h. This speed limit also counts for the main roads that are connected to the highways. The minimum speed is 50 km/h. Most people drive around 60 km/h on the main roads and about 70 km/h on the highways. There are also areas that indicate a speed limit on a sign; these are usually around populated and school areas.

The four-lane highways contain the left-lane, also known as the "fast" lane for each direction. Here is where vehicles can drive up to the maximum speed. However, legally it is not permitted to drive for long periods of time on the left lane. This lane is primarily designed for drivers to switch lanes before a roundabout, for example, if your exit on the round-

about is on your far left. The general lane to drive in—both at maximum and minimum speed—is on the right lane.

Roundabouts

Speaking of roundabouts, it is important to know where you have to enter and drive on the roundabout to make your exit. A good rule of thumb is to count the exits starting from your right side. So, exit 1 would be on your right; exit 2 would be straight ahead; exit 3 would be on your far left and exit 4 would lead to the road paralleled to the one you're on, heading in the other direction.

Most roundabouts have these 4 exits, so they are relatively simple. When you're driving on the four-lane highway, it is important to know when to switch to the left lane to make your exit: if your exit is on your far left (exit 3), then you need to switch to the left lane on the high way before nearing the roundabout so you can take the path that leads you directly to your exit. If your exit is on your right or if you're going straight ahead, you can keep driving in the right

lane of the highway.

It's also important to know that vehicles about to enter the roundabout must yield to those already on it. A good rule of thumb is to look out if someone is coming from your left side.

However, other roundabouts can be quite tricky to navigate...

Watty Vos Boulevard (the "paperclip" roundabout)

Probably the biggest roundabout on the island, the "paperclip" roundabout on the Watty Vos Boulevard is one of the trickier roundabouts that could—and has—caused confused among both tourists and locals. However, once you take a good look at it, it's fairly simple. The basis is just the same as a regular roundabout (left exit? left lane! etc.), but instead of having four different exits like on a regular roundabout, now you have two extra; one on the right and the other on the left side of the roundabout. The rules don't change at all, you just have to keep an extra eye open.

Airport roundabout

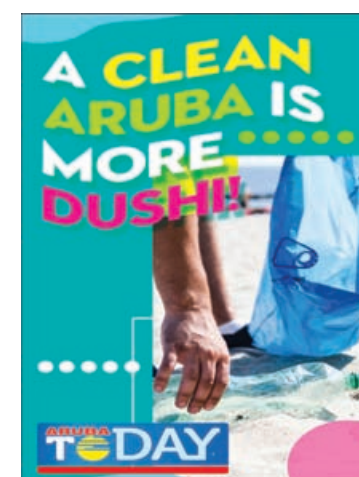
Ah, yes. The infamous airport roundabout. The favorite roundabout amongst local, because of its easy (hard) lanes that never (always) cause confusion among drivers. Sarcasm aside, this roundabout can be tricky to enter, especially when you're driving from the direction of the airport heading. When you're driving away from the airport reaching the roundabout, you'll be faced with three lanes. The far right lane is to take the exit 1 out heading east (right lane of highway). The middle exit is used for exit 1 (left lane of highway), 2 and 3. The far left exit is used to only exit on exit 3 (left lane of highway) and 4.

"Las Americas" roundabout

The Las Americas roundabout is located near the Talk of the Town hotel, west from the airport roundabout. This roundabout may look like a regular roundabout—and for the most part, it is. However, when you are driving from the east going in the direction of town, please take note that there are two exits on your right.

When you're driving towards this roundabout, you'll notice that the road becomes wider, splitting into two lanes. The right lane is used to take the first and second exit on the right. If you want to exit straight ahead, you must drive on the left lane!

It's always scary to drive in new places where the traffic may look and work differently, but once you get it right once, you'll get the hang of it in no time. Additionally, all roundabouts and roads on Aruba have signs and arrows painted on the road to help guide you. So take your time, keep your eyes open and don't forget to wear a seat belt! ☐



Cas Floria: The Decorated Houses of Aruba

(Oranjestad)—There may be as many as 200 to 300 houses in Aruba that have beautiful decorations, including curtains, stars, flowers, half-moons, etc., placed on the corners or the upper parts of the house.

These houses can be found everywhere, in nearly every district of Aruba. People always thought that these designs came from an Indigenous culture; possibly, the star design resembled the way it was shown, similar to the "God Sun" of the Indigenous people. However, the history of this decorative system does not go very far back in time.

In his book *Millefiori di Aruba*, Father Nooyen declares that the first house to receive this type of decoration was the home of Mr. Bernardo Eman Croes in Pos Chikito. Julien (Janchi) Christiaans and Gregorio (Goy) Semeleer built this house in 1920 and created the decorations on the upper corners of the house. Other people in Pos Chikito, who saw this beautiful work, also wanted their houses decorated in the same way.

Leoncio (Joonchi) Henricus of Pos Chikito learned the work from Janchi Christiaans and, together with his son Bonifacio (Bonny) Henricus, continued decorating houses in Pos Chikito and Sabana Basora.

Janchi Christiaans, Goy Semeleer, and others from Noord, such as Hilario Christiaans, Victor Tromp, Gerardo Jacobs, and Cornelis Rosa, brought the same



decoration to houses in Noord and Paradera. In 1927, Janchi Christiaans built a house for Julian Tromp in Bugaruy.

This was the first house in Noord to receive this type of decoration. Later, those in Paradera, Santa Cruz, and Savaneta copied the house decorations. They practiced these systems up until 1944.

Even today, the patterns are well preserved and protected, but they are no longer used.

Janchi Christiaans began cutting the patterns out of zinc plates and cardboard. He also had his own creations and systems, while Leoncio and Bonifacio Henricus produced their own fantasies. This is what made these decorations popular: many people could turn their imagination into expressive art.

However, the decoration of houses was not originally Janchi Christiaans's idea.

Janchi was a disciple of his father, Hose Christiaans, and of the Donati family, from Italian ancestors. They also made these decorations, though without using any patterns, simply designing and applying them with common plaster as the material.

Using Dr. Johan Hartog's *Aruba, Breve Historia* as reference, I noticed that he also writes that these designs are not Indigenous symbols, but only decorative fantasies. One point of disagreement is that he wrote that in 1820 someone from Curaçao began this type of decoration in Aruba.

This means that, according to Father Nooyen, who

declared that it began in 1920, it would have actually started 100 years earlier. As part of his research, Ito Tromp also interviewed Mr. Julio Maduro of the Department of Labor at that time, who told him that around 1880 Johannes (Janchi) Wolff began with house decorations. And as Janchi himself said, he learned this from his grandfather, who in earlier times had built the first lighthouse at California Point.

After comparing his information, Ito Tromp wrote that Hartog was right concerning the period when decorated houses began in Aruba in 1820. However, it was not people from Curaçao who started it. Victor Tromp, who was 87 years old at the time of writing, was a member of Janchi Wolff's family.

Julio Maduro said that in 1920 they began again with this type of decoration. In general, there is no specific year (up to now) when Arubans first began with this decorative artistic expression. It is interesting to know that these decorations are a kind of symbol for several generations.

For example: Decorations that appear on the house of the Arends family could also be seen on the houses of the Bermudez or Croes

families. This was because parents always gave a specific sign to their sons or daughters when they were getting married.

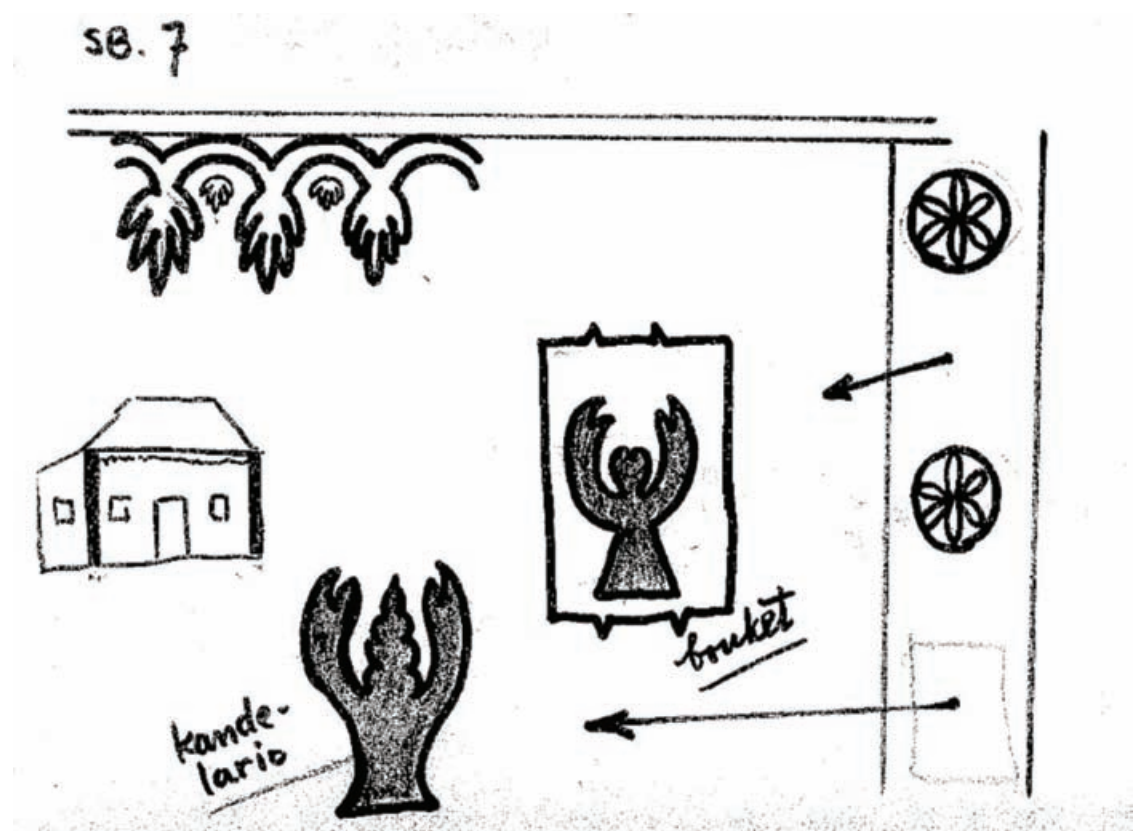
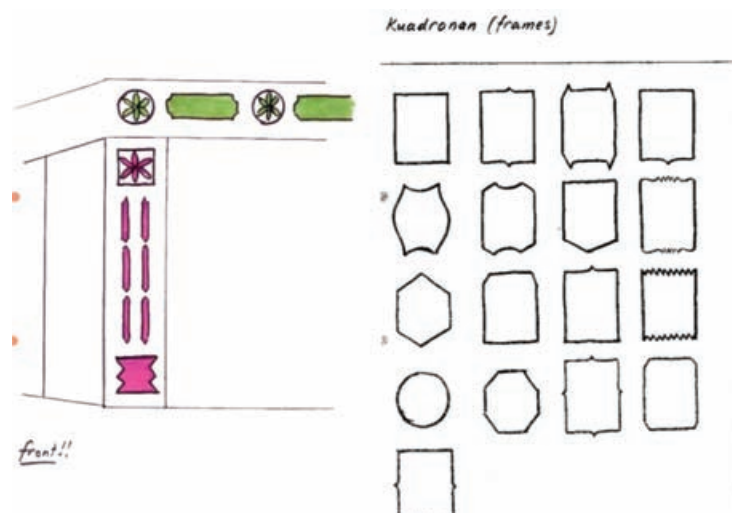
It was also said that these designs had a certain kind of voodoo purpose, to keep away the spirits of the Indigenous people who were buried in the neighborhoods where the houses now stand. However, this has almost completely disappeared.

As for the continuation of these designs from family to family, this is a cultural heritage that is no longer established. For this reason, in earlier times, every young man who married had to have his own house; otherwise, there would be no marriage.

The designs were created according to the individual's imagination. If he saw, for example, six pairs of birds on a tree, he would then paint six pairs of birds on a tree. If he wanted to express his love for his twin children, then he designed a twin.

Nowadays, if you want to use these designs for your house, don't worry—you can simply copy them and paint them. □

Source: *E casnan Decora na Aruba* (1976) by Ito Tromp



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

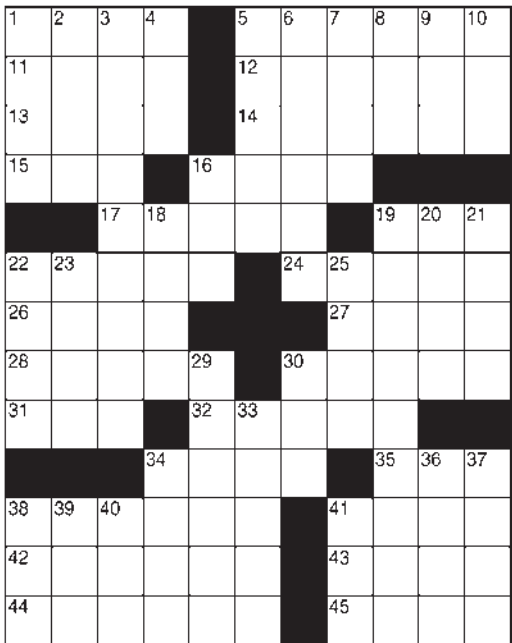
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AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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CRYPTOQUOTE

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Cryptoquote: WELL, I MUST ENDURE
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Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic but important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.



Supermarket hours

Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 8 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.



Safety

Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occur, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.



Drinking water

The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

SUDOKU

To play sudoku, use logic to fill the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9 only once. Puzzle difficulty increases from Monday to Sunday.

King Classic Sudoku

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Difficulty: ★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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1	9	3	6	7	8	5	2	4

Difficulty: ★

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Warming seas threaten key phytoplankton species that fuels the food web, study finds



Francois Ribalet, a research associate professor at the University of Washington's School of Oceanography, holds a vial of Prochlorococcus on Friday, Sept. 5, 2025, in Seattle.

Associated Press

By ANNIKA HAMMER-SCHLAG

Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — For decades, scientists believed Prochlorococcus, the smallest and most abundant phytoplankton on Earth, would thrive in a warmer world. But new research suggests the microscopic bacterium, which forms the foundation of the marine food web and helps regulate the planet's climate, will decline sharply as seas heat up.

A study published Monday in the journal Nature Microbiology found Prochlorococcus populations could shrink by as much as half in tropical oceans over the next 75 years if surface waters exceed about 82 degrees Fahrenheit (27.8

Celsius). Many tropical and subtropical sea surface temperatures are already trending above average and are projected to regularly surpass 86 degrees Fahrenheit (30 Celsius) over that same period.

"These are keystone species very important ones," said François Ribalet, a research associate professor at the University of Washington's School of Oceanography and the study's lead author. "And when a keystone species decreases in abundance, it always has consequences on ecology and biodiversity. The food web is going to change."

These tiny organisms hold a vital role in ocean life

Prochlorococcus inhabit up to 75% of Earth's sunlit

surface waters and produce about one-fifth of the planet's oxygen through photosynthesis. More crucially, Ribalet said, they convert sunlight and carbon dioxide into food at the base of the marine ecosystem.

"In the tropical ocean, nearly half of the food is produced by Prochlorococcus," he said. "Hundreds of species rely on these guys." Though other forms of phytoplankton may move in and help compensate for the loss of oxygen and food, Ribalet cautioned they are not perfect substitutes. □

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The map shows the downtown area of Aruba. A magnifying glass is focused on the location of Aruba Today and Bondia, which is situated at the intersection of Weststraat and Schepstraat. Other landmarks shown include the Bus terminal, High Rise Hotels, Royal Plaza Mall, and L.G. Smith Boulevard. The word "Downtown" is written at the bottom of the map.

Howard Stern returns to SiriusXM radio show after trolling listeners

By **MARK KENNEDY**

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Howard Stern, the popular and highly paid radio host, returned to SiriusXM's airwaves Monday after trolling listeners into thinking he had departed his long-running show.

Stern, 71, who evolved from his shock jock origins to become a respected interviewer, enlisted a seemingly flustered Andy Cohen at the top of "The Howard Stern Show" to pretend to be his successor. "This was supposed to be a cleaner hand off. I'm kind of winging it," said Cohen.

Stern then came on the air and thanked the Bravo personality, who has his own SiriusXM show and podcast, for agreeing to do the bit. The stunt was the culmination of weeks of promos that promised a big reveal, following swirling speculation that Stern's show would be canceled. "The tabloids have spoken: Howard Stern fired, canceled," one promo video said.

"Is it really bye-bye Booney?" The speculation grew after Stern postponed his return from a summer break last week.

While he did return Monday, Stern did not announce



Howard Stern speaks at the 2018 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies in Cleveland, on April 14, 2018.

that he had reached a new contract with SiriusXM. His current deal expires at the end of 2025.

"Here's the truth: SiriusXM and my team have been talking about how we go forward in the future. They've approached me, they've sat down with me like they normally do, and they're fantastic," Stern said.

Stern joining what was then Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. in 2006 made him one of the highest-paid personalities in broadcasting and was

a game-changer for both the company and the nascent satellite radio industry. His importance was highlighted on the SiriusXM homepage tabs included For You, Music, Talk & Podcasts, Sports and Howard. SiriusXM in the years after Stern joined has become home to top podcasts "Call Her Daddy," "SmartLess," "Freakonomics Radio," "Last Podcast on the Left," "99% Invisible" and "Conan O'Brien Needs a Friend" and features such personalities as Trevor Noah, Kevin

Hart and Stephen A. Smith. But SiriusXM's subscriber base has been slowly contracting, with the company reporting 33 million paid subscribers in the second quarter of 2025, a net loss of 68,000 from the first quarter and 100,000 fewer than the same period in 2024. It is a battling a saturated satellite market and competition from free, ad-supported platforms like Spotify. Stern extended his contract with SiriusXM twice before, in 2010 and again in 2020 with a five-year,

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\$500 million deal, Forbes reported. He's recently had newsy and intimate chats with Lady Gaga and Bruce Springsteen.

"He's been with me and the company going on two decades, and so he's pretty happy, but he's also able, like many great artists, to stop whenever he wants," SiriusXM president and chief content officer Scott Greenstein told The Hollywood Reporter in 2024. "Nobody will ever replace them. We would never try to replace them."

Stern, who has liked to call himself the King of All Media, rose to national fame in the 1980s during his 20-year stint at the then-WXRX in New York.

At its peak, "The Howard Stern Show" was syndicated in 60 markets and drew over 20 million listeners. Stern was lured to satellite radio by the lucrative payday and a lack of censorship, following bruising indecency battles with the Federal Communications Commission and skittish radio executives. His past on-air bits had included parading strippers through his New York studio and persuading the band then known as The Dixie Chicks to reveal intimate details about their sex lives. □

Star Trek plans packed lineup for the franchise's 60th anniversary, with Lego sets and YouTube show

By **ITZEL LUNA**

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Not

many franchises have fueled society's timeless fascination with the bound-



Members of the "Star Trek" crew, from left, James Doohan, DeForest Kelley, Walter Koenig, William Shatner, George Takei, Leonard Nimoy, and Nichelle Nichols, toast the newest "Star Trek" film at Paramount Studios on Dec. 28, 1988.

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less possibilities of a utopian future like "Star Trek." Next year the sprawling franchise will add more shows, Lego sets and even a Rose Parade float in a yearlong celebration of its 60th anniversary.

The hefty lineup of "fan-centric" celebrations was announced by the franchise on its 59th anniversary Monday, known as Star Trek Day. The projects are the first wave, Paramount said in its announcement. "The 60th anniversary celebrates "Space for Everybody," extending an open invitation to celebrate the future that "Star Trek" aspires to a future of HOPE,

a future of EXPLORATION and a future where we rise to the challenge to BE BOLD," the announcement read. The sci-fi franchise began with the TV series created by Gene Roddenberry that debuted in 1966 and has since sprawled into a multi-billion dollar cultural phenomenon. Today, fans, known as Trekkies, have enjoyed countless movies, spinoff shows and video games based on the original series. Set in the Milky Way a couple hundred years in the future, the series followed the crew behind the starship USS Enterprise. Their journey led them to,

"Boldly go where no man has gone before," as William Shatner, who played Captain James T. Kirk, famously said at the top of every episode.

Celebration kicks off at the Rose Parade

The yearlong celebration will kick off on New Year's Day, with a float in the Rose Parade in California. The float "will reflect values of hope, inclusivity, exploration and unity," the franchise representatives wrote in a statement.

The float will also feature the upcoming new series "Star Trek: Starfleet Academy" set to launch in early 2026 on Paramount+. □

Everyone seems to agree: Spitting on somebody else is just wrong. But it keeps happening

By TIM REYNOLDS
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Inter Miami's Luis Suárez further damaged his reputation. Jalen Carter of the Philadelphia Eagles cost himself the chance to play in a season-opening game. Florida's Brendan Bett gave South Florida a 15-yard gift on its drive that decided its win over the Gators.

Their transgression: spitting. In the span of seven days from last Sunday through this past Saturday, there were three high-profile spitting incidents in sports. They were immediately condemned, including by those close to the offending parties such as the Florida coach who called such behavior "unacceptable." The reviled responses show there are limits to allowable aggressions, even in the most heated competitions. "There are a lot of written and unwritten rules about how you interact with others," said Dr. Peter Valentin, the chair of the forensic science department at the University of New Haven in Connecticut. "And in the sports world, you can have two opponents vie for supremacy and they go at each other very, very aggressively. But it's done with a measure of respect. ...



Inter Miami forward Luis Suárez, third from left, is separated from Seattle Sounders players and staff as Sounders midfielder Kalani Kossa-Rienzi, center right facing, holds a staff member back during a fight after the Sounders won the Leagues Cup final soccer match Sunday, Aug. 31, 2025, in Seattle

The idea of spitting on your opponent communicates disrespect. And I would be shocked if that wasn't the intent of that act, to just demonstrate disdain for your opponent." Suárez, who has been previously sanctioned at times in his career for biting opponents, spit on a member of the Seattle Sounders' staff after Inter Miami's 3-0 loss there in the Leagues Cup final. Carter spit or spit back,

depending on perspective at Dallas quarterback Dak Prescott before the first play from scrimmage in the first NFL game of the regular season Thursday night. Bett spit at a South Florida player, and those 15 penalty yards helped the Bulls get a chip-shot field goal to win 18-16 on the final play of the game. "We'll take a good look at it, but it's unacceptable," Florida coach Billy Napier

said. "And I think we have a lot of players in that room as well that have the same belief that it's unacceptable. When a guy does something like that, he's compromising the team." Around the NFL this week, the reactions to spitting were clear. "That's just not professional," Arizona offensive lineman Paris Johnson said. "You can't do that," Green Bay defensive lineman

Rashan Gary said. "You don't want to see anyone getting spit on," Tennessee offensive lineman Lloyd Cushenberry III said.

Suárez got a six-game suspension from future Leagues Cup matches and will miss the next three Major League Soccer matches for his team as well, which will hurt the playoff push for Lionel Messi and his squad. Carter got kicked out of the Eagles-Cowboys game and Bett was ejected for what became the final seven plays of the Florida-South Florida game.

"It was a mistake that happened on my side," Carter said. "Just won't happen again."

Replays later revealed that Prescott spit first, but only in the general direction of the Eagles' defense and not onto an opposing player. Carter, in response, spit on Prescott.

"I guess I needed to spit," Prescott said. "I wasn't going to spit on my linemen. I just spit ahead. ... I don't wish for anybody to get out of the game. I'm sure he probably regrets that to some extent. I'm pretty sure he knows I didn't try to spit on him or wasn't even aiming to spit on him." □

Carlos Alcaraz's U.S. Open title allows him to replace Jannik Sinner at No. 1 in the rankings

By HOWARD FENDRICH
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NEW YORK (AP) — Carlos Alcaraz officially returned to No. 1 in the ATP rankings for the first time in two years on Monday, replacing Jannik Sinner there after beating him in the U.S. Open men's final, and Amanda Anisimova jumped five spots to a career-best No. 4 in the WTA after finishing as the runner-up to Aryna Sabalenka. "When you achieve the goals you set up (for) yourself at the beginning of the year, it feels amazing," Alcaraz said after winning his second title at Flushing Meadows and his sixth

Grand Slam trophy. "For me," he added, "(to) achieve that once again ... is a dream." Alcaraz moved up from No. 2 and swapped places with Sinner by virtue of a 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 victory over him in Arthur Ashe Stadium on Sunday. Sinner had held No. 1 since making his debut there in June 2024, a 65-week stay. Alcaraz first reached that spot in September 2022 at age 19 making him the youngest No. 1 in ATP history by claiming his first major championship at that year's U.S. Open. He relinquished that ranking in September 2023.

Alexander Zverev stayed at No. 3 on Monday, while Novak Djokovic, the 24-time major champion who lost to Alcaraz in Friday's semifinals, went up three spots from No. 7 to No. 4. Sabalenka was assured of remaining at No. 1 by getting to the quarterfinals in New York, then wound up collecting her second U.S. Open title in a row with a 6-3, 7-6 (3) win Saturday over Anisimova, a 24-year-old American. Anisimova's second consecutive runner-up run at a major she lost to Iga Swiatek in the Wimbledon final in July allowed her to climb five spots from No. 9,

part of a remarkable surge from outside the top 350 when she returned last sea-

son from a mental-health break. □



Carlos Alcaraz, of Spain, poses for photos with Jannik Sinner, of Italy, after winning the men's singles final of the U.S. Open tennis championships, Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025, in New York.

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4 playoff teams, including both No. 1 seeds, had disappointing openers in the NFL's first week

By **ROB MAADDI**
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The NFL's two No. 1 seeds last season are off to 0-1 starts, and the Baltimore Ravens blew a 15-point, fourth-quarter lead. Let the overreactions begin.

The Detroit Lions were no contest for Jordan Love, Micah Parsons and the Green Bay Packers on Sunday.

They joined the Kansas City Chiefs, who opened with a loss to the Los Angeles Chargers in Brazil on Friday night.

The Ravens became the fourth 2024 division winner to lose in Week 1 when Josh Allen rallied the Buffalo Bills to a 41-40 victory. The Houston Texans were the other, falling to the Los Angeles Rams 14-9.

Jared Goff and Detroit's dynamic offense sputtered in the first game since offensive coordinator Ben Johnson left for Chicago. The Lions didn't score a touchdown until the final minute in a 27-13 loss at Green Bay.

After winning a franchise-record 15 games last season, the Lions were eliminated in the divisional round by Washington. They lost Johnson and defensive coordinator Aaron Glenn, who went to the New York Jets.

Expectations were still high for Detroit despite losing both assistants and center Frank Ragnow to retirement. With star pass rusher



Baltimore Ravens running back Derrick Henry (22) fumble the ball as he is hit by Buffalo Bills defensive tackle Ed Oliver (91) during the second half of an NFL football game in Orchard Park, N.Y., Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025.

Aidan Hutchinson coming back to boost the defense, the Lions were focused on unfinished business.

A lopsided loss in Green Bay doesn't signal their two-year reign atop the tough NFC North is over. It's one game. Of course,

the Packers proved they're a real contender.

"I thought we'd be much cleaner than we were, and it wasn't as clean," Lions coach Dan Campbell said. "But there again, you're talking about a few plays that were critical. But like I told the team, these are all so correctable. Everything that showed up is so correctable, and we will, we'll hit it head on.

Our players are accountable man; they're ready. And nobody takes it worse than they do, so that's the good news. We got the right dudes."

The Chiefs, who also went 15-2 last season and were denied a three-peat by the Philadelphia Eagles, lost 27-21 to the Chargers. Patrick Mahomes, Travis Kelce and Andy Reid's Chiefs are staring at the possibility of their first 0-2 start since 2014 with the Eagles coming to Kansas City for a Super Bowl rematch.

But it's way too early to claim the Chiefs' run of dominance — they've won nine straight AFC West

titles has ended. It may be near but it's not here after just one game 3,500 miles away.

Until another team proves they can defeat Mahomes in January, the Chiefs are still the team to beat in the AFC.

Also, two of the three teams Ravens and Texans considered to be their biggest threats in the conference also lost.

Lamar Jackson, Derrick Henry and the Ravens looked unstoppable against Buffalo for 3 1/2 quarters. Then Henry fumbled, opening the door for Allen to pull off a stunning comeback capped by Matt Prater's 32-yard field

goal as time expired.

It's a huge win for the Bills, who've lost to the Chiefs in the playoffs four times in five years. They're the class of the AFC East, but another division title isn't the goal. Buffalo won't be satisfied with anything less than a trip to the Super Bowl.

Same goes for Baltimore. The Ravens have fallen short in the playoffs six times with Jackson.

"We all hate losing," said Jackson, a two-time NFL MVP. "Probably let it linger for a night then we have to forget about it and get ready for the Browns, a division rival."

The loss to the Bills could have home-field advantage implications down the road but Baltimore knows it's just one game.

The Ravens started 0-2 last season and ended up winning the AFC North.

Houston faced a team that nearly knocked off Philadelphia in the playoffs last season. C.J. Stroud had a tough time against a formidable defense. He was sacked three times and threw an interception. The Texans, who've won the AFC South two straight seasons, overcame an 0-2 start in 2023. They'll have a difficult task trying to avoid that when the Tampa Bay Buccaneers visit next Monday night.

"I think it's good, it's early, there's a bunch of upside I think we could possibly have," Stroud said. □

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